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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1184

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN ROBERT SIKES' CONVERSATION WITH LIBYAN
FOREIGN MINISTER TURAYKI

REF: TRIPOLI 1183

1. CONGRESSMAN SIKES AND I CALLED ON FONMIN TURAYKI AT 11 P.M.
AUG 24. TAJUDDIN JARBI, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPT OF AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, FONMIN, WAS PRESENT. TURAYKI, WHO HAS A REPUTATION
FOR COMING ON STRONG AT TIMES, GAVE THE CONGRESSMAN A VERY
FRIENDLY RECEPTION AND PRESENTED A MODERATE VERSION OF
LIBYAN POLICIES. SIKES EMPHASIZED HIS DESIRE TO ACQUAINT
HIMSELF WITH LIBYA AND ITS POLICIES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO A
DIALOGUE WHICH MIGHT HELP OVERCOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND
IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND LIBYAN GOVTS AND
PEOPLE.

2. TURAYKI DESCRIBED LIBYA AS GENUINELY NONALIGNED.
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U.S. AND BRITISH BASES, HE SAID, HAD BEEN LIQUIDATED
TO REMOVE ONE FOREIGN PRESENCE AND NOT TO BRING IN
ANOTHER ONE. HE SAID LIBYA WELCOMED SEEING REPRESENTATIVES
FROM THE U.S. LIBYA DID NOT AGREE WITH ALL U.S. VIEWS,
BUT THERE WERE NO CONDITIONS TO DEVELOPING A DIALOGUE.
A MAJOR PROBLEM HAD BEEN THAT LIBYA HAD NOT BEEN
INFORMED BY THE U.S. OF ITS VIEWS AND POLICIES.

3. TURAYKI SAID HE AND OTHER LIBYANS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE U.S. EMBARGO ON THE SALE OF MANY ITEMS TO LIBYA. LIBYA COULD OBTAIN THESE FROM OTHER SOURCES, BUT WISHED TO MAINTAIN ITS COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. HE HOPED THAT THE BOEING SALE WOULD BE APPROVED. SIKES REPLIED THAT HE HOPED FOR INCREASED U.S. SALES TO LIBYA, INCLUDING BOEINGS.

4. SIKES MENTIONED HIS RECENT VISIT TO NORTH YEMEN AND THE CONCERN THERE OVER THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOUTH YEMEN. TO THIS TURAYKI REPLIED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HELP THESE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ECONOMICALLY. LIBYA, HE SAID, "FIGHTS COMMUNISM WITH DEVELOPMENT."

5. RE AFRICA, TURAYKI SAID THAT LIBYA AND OTHERS WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IF THE FRENCH COME IN, HOWEVER, THEN THE SOVIET UNION INTERVENES. LIBYA, HE SAID, IS AGAINST ALL OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

6. CONGRESSMAN SIKES SAID HE HOPED SOMETHING POSITIVE WOULD COME FROM THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. TURAYKI REPLIED THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF THE U.S. ACTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS EISENHOWER HAD DONE WHEN HE

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STOOD AGAINST ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THE SINAI.

7. IN CLOSING, TURAYKI SAID HE COULD ASSURE SIKES OF "LIBYAN GOOD WILL" AND SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES ACCEPT THAT THEY WILL NOT AGREE ON EVERYTHING, BUT NEVERTHELESS EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS AND ATTEMPT TO WIDEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.
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